JANUARY 27, 2022 @ 5pm 3rd Floor, City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Guilebbe at 5:00pm.

Veterans Council Member present:

Jerry Guilebbe, President
Bud Rehal, Vice President
David Perinchief VSO
Paul Weinberg
Paul Lantz
Cory Paulette
Chuck Clark
Ron Genest
Jan Pierce
Don O'Connor

Advisory members and guests:

Sgt. Nick Parianos

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Chuck Clark made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. No meetings were held in November and December 2021.

Financial Report:

Financial Report given by David Perinchief

Unfinished Business:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Names have not been added to the memorial. David will check with Mike Collins, Commissioner of Public works.

The new sign at Vietnam Veterans Plaza is difficult to see and I think it needs lights., we will all take a look and check it out. We will look again and see what it looks like.

Street Signs – Ward 6 City Counselor, Matt St. Hilaire reached out to Jerry Guilebbe via email regarding recognition for four Vietnam veterans. Paul Lantz is heading this campaign. An order will be presented to the Council at the next meeting to move this forward. The four veterans are from Ward 3, 5 and (2) from Ward 6.



Flags on Rantoul and Cabot -City Council President Flowers, sent an e-mail to Jerry Guilebbe to follow up on the flags. The cost will be about \$75.00 and 80 placements will be needed. Considered having this be done at two different times. David Perinchief said this could come from the budget. Mike Collins and David will be working on this going forward. Jerry Guilebbe will e-mail Council President Flowers and update her on the discussion held during the Veterans Council meeting.

Cory Paulette expressed concern that this will fall on deaf ears. This has been talked about for a few years but we will continue working on it.

New Business

Four Chaplain Sunday - February 6th at 2:00 PM @ Middleton Congregational Church. All are invited to attend. If any posts are bringing flags, please bring the stands.

Vietnam Veterans Day – Will be March 29^{th.} Wreaths will be placed at Beverly Hospital and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Chuck Clark would like to have a ceremony and present the old plaque from Ellis Square to Betty Fortunato and her family.

Memorial Day - David Perinchief is hoping to have the Army Jump Team for Memorial Day. If we do, the route of the parade would need to be changed. We would also like participation from the Essex County Sherriff's Dept., horses, Bagpipers, the Collins Foundation for the tanks, the Army Band, Beverly High School Bank, ROTC, all city politicians. The parade will be held on May 22nd which is the week before Memorial Day. We should also have the National Guard and 105 Cannon. The planning is still on going and additional information will be presented when available

Independence Park Sign - Jerry Guilebbe received an e-mail from Heritage Group in Salem and he has sent it to the Beverly Historical Society to see about getting the sign replaced at Independence Park. Jerry will continue to work on this.

Good of the Order

The ROTC is working with the City of Lynn and there ROTC group to dedicate a bridge. They also would like to be informed on Memorial Day and what they can do to assist us.

Don O'Connor asked that the new plaques should be reviewed by the Council so they are correct, a few of the plaques are incorrect when they were replaced. We will make sure we take a look at this.

Adjournment

Paul Lantz made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.